

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A system for organizing and accessing a database, the system

comprising:

~~a primary B+tree index;~~

~~a secondary B+tree index;~~

~~a plurality of mapping table row identifiers stored in the secondary B+tree index, where each mapping row identifier is an entry in a row of the secondary B+tree index and uniquely identifies a row within a mapping table;~~

~~a first plurality of database addresses for leaf blocks of the primary B+tree index stored in the secondary B+tree index; and~~

~~a corresponding number of database addresses for leaf blocks of the primary B+tree index stored in a row of the mapping table, wherein data stored within the primary B+tree is indexed organized and accessed using the secondary B+tree or mapping table; wherein the database addresses correspond to guess database addresses, where each guess database address is a guess as to what address block of the primary B+tree a row may be found.~~

a secondary index for a primary B+tree, wherein the secondary index comprises a plurality of rows each comprising an index key value, and a guess-database address value that represents a guess as to an address block of the primary B+tree where a row may be found, where data stored in the database is retrieved using the secondary index for the primary B+tree.

2. (currently amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the guess-database address values are 4 bytes of the database addresses address blocks in the primary B+tree are stored in the secondary B+tree index.

3. (cancelled)

4. (currently amended) The system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a guess-database address quality statistic for the secondary index ~~and a guess-database address quality statistic for the mapping table~~, where each of the guess-database address quality statistic represents a ratio of how often the guesses as to where rows may be found in an address block of the primary B+tree are accurate.

5. (previously presented) A method for managing a database system, the method

comprising:

creating a secondary index for a primary B+tree ~~structure~~, wherein the secondary index ~~structure~~ comprises a plurality of rows each comprising an index key value, a ~~mapping table rowid value that uniquely identifies a row within a mapping table~~, and a guess-database address value that represents a guess as to an address block of a the primary B+tree where a row may be found; and

retrieving data stored in the database system using the secondary index for a the primary B+tree.

6. (currently amended) The method according to claim 18 [[5]], further comprising:

inserting a row of the secondary index ~~structure~~, wherein inserting the row comprises inserting a row comprising an index key value, a mapping table rowid value and a guess database address value.

7. (currently amended) The method according to claim 18 [[5]], further comprising:

deleting a row of the secondary index, wherein deleting the row comprises locating a row comprising an index key value and a mapping table rowid value row identifier and deleting the row.

8. (currently amended) The method according to claim 18 [[5]], further comprising:

updating the secondary index, wherein updating the secondary index comprises locating a row of the secondary index comprising an old index key value and a mapping table rowid value row identifier,

deleting the row and inserting in the row a new index key value, a mapping table rowid value row identifier and a guess database address value.

9. (currently amended) The method according to claim 18 [[5]], wherein retrieving data stored in the database system further comprises: comprising carrying out a query utilizing the secondary index, wherein carrying out the query comprises:

~~utilizing a guess database address stored as part of a secondary index row to find a row in the primary B+tree structure;~~

~~obtaining a first guess database address value representing a first address block of the primary B+tree structure a target database block from the row in the primary B+tree structure;~~

~~searching the first address target database block of the primary B+tree for a row that contains a mapping table rowid value row identifier that is the same as a mapping table rowid value row identifier in the row where the first guess database address value is stored in the secondary index row; and~~

~~if the mapping table rowid is found the row in the database block matches the target database block, then the correct row in the primary B+tree database has been located and the data is retrieved and the query is completed.~~

10. (currently amended) The method according to claim 9, wherein retrieving data stored in the database system further comprises:

if the mapping table rowid value is not found, then wherein if the row in the database block does not match the target database block, carrying out the query further comprises: utilizing the mapping table rowid value stored in the row where the first guess database address value is stored in the secondary index to access a mapping table row stored in a mapping table the secondary index row;

utilizing a second guess-database address value stored in the mapping table row to access a second address a target block of the primary B+tree database;

searching the second address a target block of the primary B+tree for a primary key that matches a primary key stored in the mapping table row; and

if the primary key is found, then the data is retrieved query is completed.

11. (currently amended) The method according to claim 10, wherein if the primary key is not located found retrieving data carrying out the query further comprises:

traversing the primary B+tree structure utilizing the primary key value from the mapping table row to identify the database address to complete the query.

12. (previously presented) The method according to claim 11, further comprising:

maintaining a guess-database address quality statistic for the secondary index;

maintaining a guess-database address quality statistic for the mapping table;

utilizing the statistics to assess guess-database address quality; and

carrying out the query based upon guess-database quality in the secondary index and mapping table, where each of the guess-database address quality statistic represents a ratio of how

often the guesses as to where rows may be found in an address block of the primary B+tree are accurate.

13. (original) The method according to claim 12, further comprising:

estimating guess-database address quality;

estimating the cost of the query based upon the estimated guess-database address quality; and carrying out the query starting with an index structure with the lowest estimated cost.

14. (currently amended) The method according to claim 5, wherein the guess-database address values are only 4 bytes of address blocks in the primary B+tree ~~the guess database address value are stored in the secondary index row.~~

15. (currently amended) A computer program product for performing a process of managing a database system, comprising:

a computer readable medium; and

computer program instructions, recorded on the computer readable medium, executable by a processor, for performing the steps of:

creating a secondary index for a primary B+tree ~~structure~~, wherein the secondary index ~~structure~~ comprises a plurality of rows each comprising an index key value, a mapping table rowid value that uniquely identifies a row within a mapping table, and a guess-database address value that represents a guess as to an address block of a the primary B+tree where a row may be found; and

retrieving data stored in the database system using the secondary index for a the primary B+tree.

16. (currently amended) A system for performing a database management process, comprising

a processor operable to execute computer program instructions; and

a memory operable to store computer program instructions executable by the processor,

for performing the steps of:

creating a secondary index for a primary B+tree ~~structure~~, wherein the secondary index ~~structure~~ comprises a plurality of rows each comprising an index key value, a mapping table rowid value that uniquely identifies a row within a mapping table, and a guess-database address value that represents a guess as to an address block of a the primary B+tree where a row may be found; and

retrieving data stored in the database system using the secondary index for a the primary B+tree.

17. (new) The system according to claim 1, wherein each row in the plurality of rows further comprising a mapping table rowid value that identifies a row within a mapping table.

18. (new) The method according to claim 5, wherein each row in the plurality of rows further comprising a mapping table rowid value that identifies a row within a mapping table.

19. (new) The computer program product according to claim 15, wherein each row in the plurality of rows further comprising a mapping table rowid value that identifies a row within a mapping table.

20. (new) The system according to claim 16, wherein each row in the plurality of rows further comprising a mapping table rowid value that identifies a row within a mapping table.